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TRANSPORT PROBLEMS AT THE BALTIC PORTS OF WISMAR AND ROSTOCK (A pp: German: [redacted])

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The document [redacted] entitled "Transportation Problems in the Area of the Baltic Ports of Wismar and Rostock."

Two tables indicate the growth of traffic in this area between 1938 and 1951, particularly since the partitioning of Germany. The tables, broken down by years and by the Wismar, Rostock and Warnemuende railroad stations, give the figures for loaded cars dispatched and received during the period indicated. The report goes on to list various major exports and imports at these ports (no quantities given) and the facilities available to handle this traffic (railroad stations and port trackage). The report then briefly describes the Wismar railroad station and stations in the Rostock area (Rostock Freight Station, Rostock Port Station and Bramow). The description covers type, capacity, performance and future plans of these stations.

The document also discusses transshipping difficulties encountered at Wismar and Rostock. It is found that lay-over time of potash cars and other freight cars in Wismar ranges from 58 - 99 hours and in Rostock from 10.7 to 42.8 hours because of a lack of storage facilities. The cars are used for storage until ship space is available for the cargo. The document notes as other causes contributing to the long lay-over of the cars: insufficient mechanical loading installations, shortage of manpower, inadequate coordination of available railroad and ship space and manpower shortage in the dispatch office of the German-Soviet Transport Agency.

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